

# Smilacina racemosa

## False Spikenard



Also called false Solomon's seal. Arching stems with alternate, oval, pointed leaves and plumes of creamy white flowers in May-June (the flowers are a bit like astilbes). Clusters of berries follow the flowers, ripening from green- and brown-speckled to bright red. In the fall, the foliage turns yellow.

***Suggested companions:*** It can be planted in clumps with other woodland wildflowers, such as Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), blue cohosh (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 1'-3' H  
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Forested Upland  
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist

Exposure: filtered  
shade

Flower Color:  
White

Bloom Time:  
May  
June

Other Attributes:  
Bird attracting

Plant in:

Groundcover: No